

## 9 FAM Appendix C, MAURITANIA

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### RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
C-1/D	N/A	N/A	N/A
C-2	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	18 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]

O-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

## **SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES**

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None.

## **DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS**

### **Police Record**

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Available. Ordinarily, the prison record (see below) should be sufficient. However, if considered necessary, a police record, fichier de police, may be obtained by addressing a confidential request through the Embassy to the Directeur de la Surete at Nouakchott. A delay of at least several weeks will be encountered. The certificat de bonne vie et moeurs is not available.

### **Prison Record**

*(TL:VISA-214; 10-19-2000)*

Available. A prison record (extrait de casier judiciaire) may be obtained from the Clerk of Court (Greffier du Tribunal) in the applicant's place of birth.

## **Military Record**

*(TL:VISA-214; 10-19-2000)*

Available. A military record (livret militaire individuel) may be obtained from the Chef de l'Etat Major National at Nouakchott. Military service is legally required of all male Mauritanian citizens, but the law is not rigidly enforced because of the abundance of volunteers.

## **Birth Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-214; 10-19-2000)*

Available. A birth certificate (extrait d'acte de naissance) may be obtained from the Mayor (maire) of the commune in which the applicant was born, if he was born within a commune. Otherwise, the document may be obtained from the cadì (Islamic judge) of the place where he was born, or if there is no cadì, from the Commandant du Cercle of the cercle (administrative district) where he was born. The Mayor will charge the commune tax applicable in that particular commune, otherwise the service is free.

## **Marriage Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-214; 10-19-2000)*

Available. A marriage certificate (extrait d'acte de mariage) attesting to the marriage of nationals may be obtained from the cadì of the place where the marriage occurred. A marriage certificate attesting the marriage of non-nationals (non-Moslem ceremonies) may be obtained from the Commandant du Cercle of the administrative district where they were married.

## **Divorce Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-214; 10-19-2000)*

Available. A divorce certificate (extrait d'acte de divorce) may be obtained in the case of nationals from the cadì of the place where the marriage occurred. In the case of non-nationals or nationals not married in Mauritania, it will be necessary to obtain a copy of the Divorce Judgment (Jugement de Divorce) from the cadì or Clerk (Greffier) of the Court where the divorce was granted. By law, divorce judgments are registered at the place of marriage, and at the birthplace of each spouse.

## Death Certificate

(TL:VISA-214; 10-19-2000)

Available. A death certificate (Extrait d'acte de Deces) may be obtained from the Mayor (Maire) of the commune where the death took place. If the death occurred outside a commune, the certificate may be obtained from the cadi of the place where the death occurred, or, if there is no cadi, from the Commandant du Cercle of the administrative district where the death occurred. A variable commune tax is charged if the death took place in a commune.

**NOTE:** As Mauritania is a young country and some of its population is still nomadic, it occasionally occurs that no records exist with regard to a particular applicant. In such a case, the cadi or local court (tribunal) can issue an extrait de Jugement d'acte de (birth, marriage, death, etc.). The name and address of the person in question must be furnished, and also the names of two witnesses of the event in question, who may be summoned in case there has been no previous registration. This document may replace a birth certificate, death certificate, marriage certificate, or divorce certificate.

In many areas in southern Mauritania, a birth may be confirmed by obtaining an extract (extrait) from the census book (cahier de recensement), that was used for recording the local population by tribe, faction, and family each year under the colonial administration until 1958.

Mauritania is not part of the CFA Franc region. There is a local currency, the Ouguiya (UM), which has an official exchange rate of roughly 220 UM to 1 USD. CFA cannot be used to obtain prison records, marriage certificates, or other official documents.

## VISA ISSUING POST

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Nouakchott(E) NIV Only

Immigrant visa applications for nationals of Mauritania are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal.

## GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED

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All of Mauritania.